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favor vote aye. All those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Committee amendments are adopted. The Chair recognizes Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Madam Chairman, members of the Legislature. Mainly for the record, I'd like to ask Senator Schimek a couple questions.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Schimek, I have an individual in Webster County who serves on the County Board, which is considered a high office if I read this bill right. He also serves on the Bostwick Irrigation District Board. This bill would not prevent him or preclude him from serving on those two boards, would it not?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That is correct, Senator Schrock. He could serve on both boards because the irrigation district is not what we term in this bill "high elective office", and therefore he would not be holding two high elective offices. So, he would be all right. In addition to that, I believe that irrigation districts are kind of special elections, they're not...they do not involve strictly registered voters, they involve only property owners. So it...it's not an elective body in the true sense of the word.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Madam President. I rise in opposition of this bill. I didn't vote for it in committee and I explained at that time, and I would like to explain to the members of this body. I think the first problem I have is defining "high office". We talk about...when we talk about state offices and those that are in a great deal of power, I can understand that, but when you get down to small village boards